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(57) Abstract The present invention provides a chimeric protein which comprises a mutated DNA methyltransferase portion and a DNA binding protein portion that binds sufficiently close to a promoter sequence of a target gene which promoter sequence contains a methylation site, to specifically methylate the site and inhibit activity of the promoter and thus inhibit expression of the target gene. This invention also provides for a method for inhibiting the expression of a target gene which includes contacting a promoter of the target gene with the chimeric protein, so as to specifically methylate the promoter sequence of the target gene thus inhibiting expression of the target gene.			